



# Ossipee Lake Natural Area

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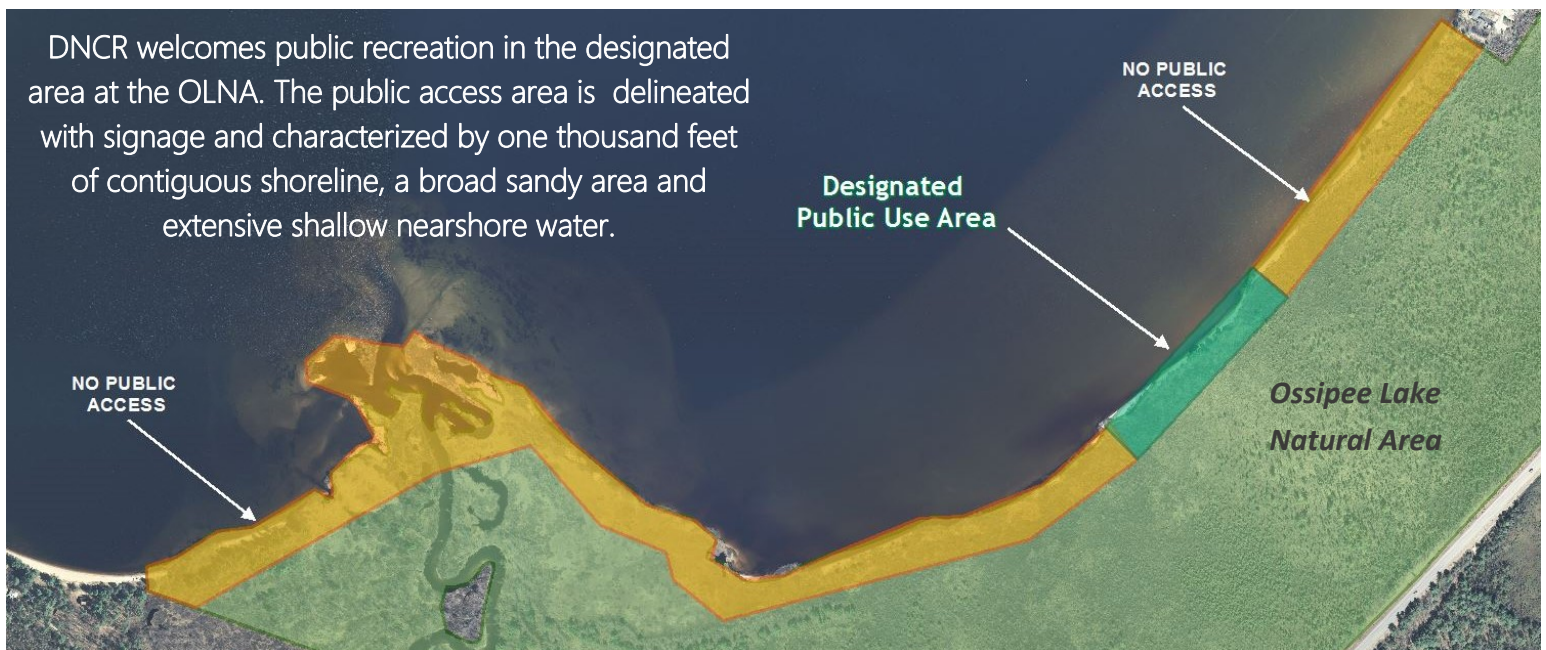
State-threatened hairy hudsonia is extremely vulnerable to trampling. Closing parts of OLN has helped it to rebound.

The Ossipee Lake Natural Area (OLNA), managed by the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), is located at the south end of Ossipee Lake. OLN is a total of 400 acres and is located on both sides of the Pine River. The presence of rare native plant species and exemplary natural communities is one of the primary reasons for the creation of the Ossipee Lake Natural Area. The OLN shoreline is a rare natural community system called a sandy pond shore system. It is comprised of four rare and imperiled natural communities. Two of these natural communities are globally rare.

OLN is also an important archaeological site containing prehistoric artifacts. These artifacts occur throughout the site, and are nonrenewable, fragile, and rare.

Please help us preserve this unique and rich site by following the rules posted at the OLN public use area. Thank you, and enjoy!

DNCR welcomes public recreation in the designated area at the OLN. The public access area is delineated with signage and characterized by one thousand feet of contiguous shoreline, a broad sandy area and extensive shallow nearshore water.



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